

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

~~PHOTOTONIC BANDGAP~~ ENHANCED OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title appearing on page 1.

This disclosure is based upon British Application No. 0229826.3, filed December 20, 2002, British Application No. 0302632.5, filed February 5, 2003, British Application No. 0306593.5, filed March 21, 2003, British Application No. 0306606.5, filed March 21, 2003, British Application No. 0314485.4, filed June 20, 2003, and International Application No. PCT/GB2003/005673, filed December 22, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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